



Letters
To The Editor

REAL ESTATE MAN BLASTS HOMEOWNERS GROUP FOR ENTERING POLITICS

3663 Calle Mayor
Hollywood Riviera
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Editor
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Dear Sir:

As a home owner, I am writing this letter to be on record that the Hollywood Riviera Home Owners Assn. does not represent me nor my interests on any issue whatsoever.

In 1945, the Home Owners was formed with about 30 members, some of these members have sold their homes and moved away. Not till 1950 did one of the original group build a home, that is a new home.

A few of us who had vision and courage began to build in 1948 homes ranging from \$16,500 to \$24,000, which no doubt brought in about one and one half million dollars in new homes.

During that time we encountered various obstacles in having our homes built and some of the home owners had to build a home that was not of their choice. I know one particular case where the owner desired a redwood home, the Art Jury disapproved this and he wound up with a concrete block home. My own home was built as designed by the architect, but I know that he encountered great difficulties when building the home; I was also informed in a very specific manner that my roof would be the first and last in this area. I firmly believe that when a man has the ability to accumulate and build a home ranging from \$12,500.00 to \$50,000.00, he alone should be the judge as to type of roof, windows, doors, etc., and not to satisfy the Art Jury, that is of the architecture of the present day accepted type throughout Southern California.

There are only about 150 members in the Home Owners Association, compared to 600 buildings here, only a bare minority of 25 per cent.

As to the so-called sidewalk issue, I personally interviewed the home owners in block my home is located and they all stated that it would spoil and take away the country atmosphere from Hollywood Riviera, and they are opposed to sidewalks.

One final thing, I do not believe that any organization has the right to represent a property owner in any vital issue affecting the holdings of such an individual, that includes lot owners, home and lot owners, trust deed and mortgage holders, and not a small number of home owners.

One final say, let the Home Owners Association stay out of politics, just work for the betterment of a Greater Torrance, as people are considered mature at 21 years of age.

Yours truly,

M. L. HOFFENBERG



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